

Montana Office of Public Instruction

School Year 2001-02 Overview

Elementary Enrollment

After climbing for more than 10 years, elementary enrollment in Montana's Schools has declined by 13,958 students over the past eight years.

High School Enrollment

High school enrollment climbed for 10 years in a row through 1998-99 by nearly 9,000 students, benefiting from the elementary increases of prior years. Since then, high school enrollment has dropped 1,264 students.

American Indian Percentage

American Indian students now comprise 10.6 percent of the total student population. At the elementary level they represent 11.5 percent of the population and at the high school level 8.8 percent.

Nonpublic School Enrollment Data

Private and home school enrollment represented 7.3 percent of the reported 2001-02 K-12 enrollment in Montana. Home school enrollment decreased by approximately 56 students and private school enrollment decreased by approximately 106 students from last year. Overall, the nonpublic enrollment showed a decrease of approximately 162 students from last year.

	Gr K-8	Gr 9-12	Total 2001-02
Private Schools	6,265	2,166	8,431
Home Schools	<u>2,780</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>3,571</u>
Total nonpublic	9,045	2,957	12,002

Graduates

In 2001, 10,628 students graduated from Montana public and state funded high schools. That number is 93 percent of the senior class enrolled in the fall of 2000. An additional 1,956 16-19-year-old Montanans obtained their GED's during that time.

School District Data	(Public and State-funded Districts)
K-12 districts	55
Combined districts (joint board)	105
Single districts (174 el, 5 hs)	179
State-funded districts	2
Nonoperating and annexed districts	<u>4</u>
Total District Administrative Units	345

School Data	(Public and State-funded Schools)
Elementary Schools	473
Middle, 7&8, Junior High Schools	221
High Schools	<u>176</u>
Total Schools	870

Full-time Equivalent Certified Staff (FTE)	(Public and State-funded Schools)
Teachers - classroom, Title I, Special Ed	10,408
Specialists - library, guidance counselors	788
Principals, assistant principals	504
Superintendents, assistant superintendents	150
Other central office administrators	135
Special education directors, school psychologists	<u>94</u>
Total certified staff	12,079

This booklet

This booklet provides detailed public school enrollment data by county, school, grade, and gender. The legal entity code identifies a school district. If that code is repeated, the district has more than one school. This booklet does not identify school districts by name, but the district name and legal entity code (LE) can be found in the *Directory of Montana Schools* [example: Roundup High School (0811)].